



Small Group Discussion Questions
"Prison Break" • Genesis 37-40
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Opening Remarks

The life of Joseph is an important study about how to navigate through the struggles and problems in our lives. Joseph responded to bad situations knowing that God was always with him. Even though God was with him, Joseph had some character flaws to work through. Later on, through even more adversity, Joseph knows that because of God's faithfulness in the past, God will be faithful in the future. However, God's faithfulness will require that Joseph does his part. Use the questions below to guide your discussion of what you can learn from this past weekend's message.

Warm it Up

1. Tyler asked the question this weekend, "How would you respond to a bad situation if you knew that God was always with you?" What difficult situation have you experienced in which you responded in this way? Can you give an example of when you did not respond this way? What were the results?
2. What does the statement, "Sometimes God has to remove something in you before he can do something great through you," mean? Is there something God needs to remove in you? What would that something be? How could God use you more effectively if that thing was removed? Read James 1:2-4 and talk about how the passage relates to Joseph.
3. How can you manage the wake you leave as you pass through the people in your life? We see that Joseph lacked humility and self-control when he was younger. What areas of your life need sharpening? Read Proverbs 17:17 and consider whether you have someone in your life who can help you in those areas. Share about that person/relationship, if you can.
4. As Joseph was chosen by God to be the next leader of the nation of Israel, we also are chosen by God to be his people. What does it mean to be chosen by God? Read Romans 8:218-30 and discuss being the chosen people of God.
5. Through all the adversity in Joseph's life, he responded by always being faithful – by "blooming where he was planted." Even in the darkest situations, he did what was right and God was faithful. He made all of his decisions not based on circumstances...but based on the God who was always with him. How would your life be different if you made your decisions this way?
 - **THINK ABOUT IT:** Joseph experienced many difficult times (sometimes LONG seasons) in his life. However, he always based his decisions and his actions on his knowledge that God was with him. This week, try making ALL your decisions – no matter the scope of difficulty – with the confidence that God is with you.
 - **COMMIT TO MEMORY:** "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?" Hebrews 13:6

Pray it Through

Pray for one another!